

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2282 - SB 2639

February 15, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires an operational carbon monoxide detector be installed and maintained in newly constructed residential units or each living unit of a residential building which has a fuel-burning heating or cooking source and in any residential unit connected to a newly constructed building which has a fuel-burning heating or cooking source. Requires person undertaking repair or maintenance work on a fuel-burning heating or cooking source in an existing residential unit to inform the owner or lessor of the unit of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning and recommend the installation of a detector. Requires installation of carbon monoxide detectors in each living unit of an existing residential building when repair or maintenance work is undertaken on a fuel-burning heating or cooking source in the unit. Specifies that violations of the provisions are a Class C misdemeanor subject to a fine only not to exceed \$50.00.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- local housing authorities will experience an increase in expenditures for the costs of installing and maintaining carbon monoxide detectors in any newly constructed units and in existing residential units when the furnace or gas cooking unit is repaired. This increase is estimated to be significant.
- the impact on local government revenues depends on the number of persons convicted of violating the provisions of the act and the resulting revenues from fines collected.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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